

Representations by members

re : Health of Persons who Consumed illicit liquor.

† SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM (K.G.F.) —Mr. Deputy Speaker. Sir, daily we are seeing that many people are dying on account of the consumption of Methyl Alcohol, a poisonous drink and we do not know except the information from the press as to how many persons have died and how many are under treatment. The information that has appeared in the press, has been ascertained from the hospitals when they go round the hospitals. But the Government are not making any day to day statement to apprise this House or the people as to what is the condition, how many persons have died so far and what action the Government have taken to help the members of the bereaved family. Sir, on the 6th of this month, I was told that a poisonous liquor came from Hassan and on that particular day liquor was sold at eight annas a glass. Normally they used to sell it for one Rupee only. The entire country is shocked on hearing this tragedy and the deaths are occurring daily. I want to congratulate and compliment the doctors who are working round the clock to save the lives. I was told that if one consumes Methyl Alcohol, bleeding starts in the intestine and it checks the functioning of the liver, brain and the heart also simultaneously. Naturally, death occurs if one consumes it. Nevertheless, the doctors are doing good work and conducting the postmortem alone is a big job.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Chief Minister has already made a statement.

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIAH.—The Chief Minister has twice made his statements and he has declared on the floor of the House that a Judicial enquiry has been ordered.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—A Judicial Enquiry has been ordered. Let the law take its own course.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Where is the law? I welcome the ordering of Judicial Enquiry. But everyday, people are dying. In Muhizeddiplam, every week one or two are dying on account of consumption of this illicit liquor. What action the Excise Department, as the Police have taken? What action has been taken by the Police to eradicate the illicit liquor in the state? Even today the people are dying and at the same time illicit liquor is being sold in all the slums. That is my point. I feel guilty of not saying anything about these deaths. Father and mother have died leaving their children. All of them are poor people. The Chief Minister has made a statement that he will

order a judicial enquiry and I welcome it. Kindly make a statement now as to how many have died so far, how many of them are women, how many of them are ulder treatment etc., Announcing a compensation of Rs. 1,000 will not solve the problem. What action the Government propose to take to eradicate the evil of producing the illicit liquor?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Government have already taken action.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, people are dying everyday. How many have died so far? How their families are protected?

SRI K. BHASKER SHETTY.—Those who were admitted in the hospitals have died. There are no fresh cases.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, My charge is that inspite of this tragedy illicit liquor has been freely sold in all the slums. Now the tragedy has occurred in Mysore and it may spread to other areas very soon. You might have ordered Enquiry Commission but still the illicit liquor is going on. Please find out the sources and ensure that it does not spread over other areas. The Commission will look into the matter as to why the tragedy occurred. The rate of Government liquor had gone upto Rs. 6 and again it came down to Rs. 4 The illicit liquor was sold at 50 paise per glass. Should we close our eyes when hundreds of people are dying everyday? We must know as to what is going on daily. I do not know the final death toll as people are dying daily. Some say that it is 400, some say that it is 500 and some others say that it is 600. Some bodies have not been identified. In some cases, husband and wife have died leaving their children and those children have even lost their relatives. I am asking the Government—how are they going to solve this problem. Almost all these people are slum-dwellers and they are poor people. How is it that in one day all these people consumed the illicit liquor and died? What the Police were doing? What is it that the Excise Department have done? Whether the Excise Department connived with the illicit boot-leggers? Who is the man who is incharge of the Excise Department? Who is the Commissioner? How many times he went round the areas? Whether he has seen those areas or not as to how many people are preparing illicit liquors? How these things have been allowed? These boot-leggers are preparing poi-on to kill the people. Kindly take immediate preventive measures and amend the Excise law if it is necessary. Deterrent punishment should be given to those who manufacture these illicit liquors. You must also take action

against those people conniving with these boot-leggers. It may not be possible for these people to carry on their dirty business without the knowledge of the Excise Department. What action the Police have taken and what were they doing all the time? Sir, we are keeping quiet when hundreds of people are dying. The tragedy is hitting the headlines daily in the press. As I have said, this Methyl Alcohol affects the heart, brain, liver and starts bleeding in the intestine.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Hon. Member Sri Arumugham...

SRI B. BHASKAR SHETTY.—Sir, the hon. Member is repeating the same thing.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—I repeat it. It is for the benefit of him only. Ten times I will repeat. Sri Bhaskar Shetty is such a good man that he will laugh whether it be marriage or death.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—He is not laughing for death. He is laughing for your repetition. You have already stated your...

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—But I am all serious now. The Health Minister is not there. Why I have repeated is that this requires Oxygen. How many oxygen cylinders you have got in the hospital for every patient? There are three/four hundred beds in Victoria Hospital. You do not have five hundred oxygen cylinders? There are two/three hundred beds in Bowring Hospital. You do not have oxygen. What is the action taken? By giving medicine it is not possible to cure them. They require oxygen. I do not expect the Government also to give it at once, but efforts should be made.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Let us hear the hon. Minister as to what they have done and what they are going to do. You have already conveyed your feelings. Let us hear the Government.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—I have expressed my feelings. The deaths are occurring daily on account of the poisonous drink and we are not hearing anything. I want to know from the Government what action they have taken.

SRI K. H. HANUMEGOWDA.—Sir,...

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Are you also going to talk on the same point?

SRI K. H. HANUMEGOWDA.—Yes.

(INTERRUPTIONS)

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಟಿ. ಫರೀದ್.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಬಹುಶಃ ಇಂತಹ ಘಟನೆ ಬೇರೆ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲೂ ನಡೆದಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಜನರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It is not included in the agenda. Let us hear the hon. Minister first.

ಶ್ರೀ ಐ. ಪಿ. ಡಿ. ಸಾಲಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಇದು ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯವಾದ ವಿಷಯ, ಇಡೀ ಭಾರತ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ, ಇಡೀ ಪ್ರಪಂಚದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಎದ್ದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆ. ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದರೆ ಹೇಗೆ?

(INTERRUPTIONS)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The matter is serious. I know the feelings of the Members. Let us hear the hon. Minister first. Afterwards you can ask anything. Or if you desire let us discuss also.

ಶ್ರೀ ಐ. ಪಿ. ಡಿ. ಸಾಲಪ್ಪ.—ಊರೆಲ್ಲಾ.....

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ದನುಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವೈ. ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ಕಾಲ ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಡೋಣ. Let us have a discussion.

(INTERRUPTIONS)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Please resume your seats. Speak one at a time. I will allow each Member to speak.

SRI BHASKAR NAIDU.—Sir, fix some time. Tomorrow or so. Give us time. Everybody's heart is burning. Because it is burnt it is not bleeding. Let not the hon. Minister take it lightly. Let him say that he will give time tomorrow.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ದನುಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಗಲ್ಲ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ

(INTERRUPTIONS)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Please resume your seats. Let us hear what the Government is telling. I am on my legs. Resume your seats. Hon. Minister...

SRI Y. RAMAKRISHNA.—Sir,.....

ಶ್ರೀ ಐ. ಪಿ. ಡಿ. ಸಾಲಪ್ಪ.—ಮೊದಲು ನಮಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಿ. ಆ ನಂತರ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಮಾತನಾಡಲಿ. ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಕೇಳಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಅವರು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಲಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಜನ ಸತ್ತಿರುವವರು ನಮ್ಮ ಜಾತಿಯವರು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ...

(INTERRUPTIONS)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Don't record

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ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಹನುಮಯ್ಯ. — ಕುಡಿದಿರುವವರೆಲ್ಲಾ ಒಂದೇ ಜಾತಿಯವರು. ನಮ್ಮ ಜಾತಿಯವರು ಸತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಿ. ನೀವು ಹರಿಜನರ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಚರ್ಚಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡದಿರಲು ನಿಮಗೆ ನಾಚಿಕೆಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

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SRI Y. RAMAKRISHNA.—It is very bad. ಈಗ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆರ್ಮ್ಯುಗಂ ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ಬಹಳ ದುಃಖಕರವಾದ ಸಂಗತಿ. ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ದುಃಖಕರವಾದ ಸಂಗತಿ. ಇದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದೇ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಎರಡು ಸಾರಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶಾಸನಸಭೆಗೆ ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿ, ಒಂದು ದಿನದ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಶಾಸನಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಬಹಳ ಗಂಭೀರವಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಮಾಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದಿರತಕ್ಕವರು, ಹರಿಜನಗಿರಿಜನರು, ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕವರ್ಗದವರು, ಹಿಂದೆಂದೂ ಸಾಯದೇ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸತ್ತಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ಬಹಳ ದುಃಖಕರವಾದಂತಹ ಸಂಗತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಆ ದಿವಸ ಎಲ್ಲ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಭೇಟಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಜೊತೆಗೆ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡಿ ಬಂದಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ರೋಗಿಯನ್ನೂ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿನ್ನೆ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ ಕೂಡ ಸ್ಮಶಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಕೂಡಾ ಹೋಗಿ ನಾವು...

ಶ್ರೀ ಐ. ಪಿ. ಡಿ. ಸಾಲಪ್ಪ.—ಜಟಿಕಾ ಗಾಡಗಳಲ್ಲಿ...

ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಧಾಖಲಾಡಬೇಡಿ

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ಶ್ರೀ ವೈ. ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ಸಲಹೆಗಳು ಬೇಕು. ನಾವು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ...

ಒಬ್ಬ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು.—ನಾವು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲಹೆ ಕೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬುದ್ಧಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಭಾಸ್ಕರ ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಆಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಈಗ ಬೇಡ.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will fix some time.

ಶ್ರೀ ವೈ. ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿ ಒಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

BHASKAR NAIDU.—Let us have a discussion for the entire day tomorrow.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I know the feelings of the House.

SRI Y. RAMAKRISHNA.—We have to take it very seriously about the remarks of the members.

(INTERRUPTION)

**As directed by the chair the matter was not recorded.

ಶ್ರೀ ಐ.ಪಿ.ಡಿ. ಸಾಲಪ್ಪ.—ನೀವೇ ವಿಷ ಕೊಡಿ, ನಾವು ಇಲ್ಲೇ ಸಾಯುತ್ತೇವೆ. ನಾವು ಬದುಕಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Please resume your seats. I will fix up the time for this subject. The Government has also agreed.

INTERRUPTIONS

ಶ್ರೀ ಐ.ಪಿ.ಡಿ. ಸಾಲಪ್ಪ.—ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಜಾಪ್ರಭುತ್ವ ಇಲ್ಲವೆ? ಯಾರು ಹೇಳುವವರು ಕೇಳುವವರು ಇಲ್ಲವೆ?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Please resume your seats. We are going to take up this matter and time will be fixed tomorrow and we can discuss. We are all one in expressing the sympathies. I know the feelings of the House. Therefore we will be discussing tomorrow in an orderly manner with facts and figures.

SRI I.P.D. SALAPPA.—We have got facts and figures with us...

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಭಾಸ್ಕರ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಖಾತೆಯ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಪುಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈಗ ಇಲ್ಲ. ನಾಳೆ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ನಾಳೆ ವಿವರವಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳೋಣ.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—There are no two opinions about this. Next, Hon'ble Minister Sri Srikantiah can reply now.

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